

Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

April 6, 2007

Message from County Executive Walker

Wisconsin's, and more particularly Milwaukee County's, seniors received a blow this week when the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services elected to deny an extension of Wisconsin's SeniorCare program. The program provides prescription drug benefits to seniors at a significant savings over Medicare Part D.

Following the announcement Wednesday, I issued the following statement:

"Milwaukee County's 10,000 seniors have been dealt an unnecessary blow today by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' decision to refuse to extend a waiver for Wisconsin's SeniorCare program."

"The real tragedy of this development is that they have abandoned our seniors, not because the program doesn't work or is too expensive – in fact, the opposite is true – but because bureaucrats couldn't work together to save the program. That is certainly a bitter pill to swallow for our seniors."

Scott



Celebrate Easter at the Zoo with "Egg Day"



There are many exciting activities in store at the Milwaukee County Zoo as Egg Day, sponsored by McCormick and Pick'n Save, officially gets underway at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 7. Highlights include:

"Bunny Treat Search"-- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Put a spring in your step and join us for the "Bunny Treat Search!" Kids 8 and under can hunt for special tokens and redeem them for sweet treats!

Easter Parade -- 2 p.m.

Who doesn't love a parade? Meet at the Northwestern Mutual Family Farm, along with the master of ceremonies, the Easter Bunny, and march through the park!

All aboard! Get a free ride on the North Shore Bank Safari Train with a Pick 'n Save receipt showing the purchase of any McCormick spice, extract or food coloring. For more information on Egg Day festivities, call the zoo at 414.256.5412 or go to

www.milwaukeezoo.org.

Walker Hosts SLSDC Advisory Commission

County Executive Scott Walker, who is also Chairman of the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation Advisory Commission, hosted members and staff at a meeting in Milwaukee on Wednesday. The group toured the Lake Express Ferry, Discovery World at Pier Wisconsin, and attended a Brewers game.

Port of Milwaukee Receives Pacesetter Award from SLSDC



From left – Erik Reinelt, Dan Steininger, Terry Johnson, Scott Walker

County Executive Scott Walker hosted an awards ceremony Wednesday for the presentation of a Pacesetter Award from the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation. The award was presented by Corporation administrator Terry Johnson and was accepted by Dan Steininger, President of the Harbor Board of Commissioners. The award recognized that the Port of Milwaukee increased their tonnage through the St. Lawrence Seaway by 99% last year.

Walker Visits Wil-O-Way Center



On Tuesday, County Executive Scott Walker visited the Grant Park Wil-O-Way Center for lunch. Walker has already visited over a dozen senior meal sites this year and will visit all 31 by the end of the year.

Two Walker Appointments Approved by County Board

At their meeting today, the Milwaukee County Board approved County Executive Scott Walker's appointments of Lisa Jo Marks to serve as Director of the Department of Child Support Enforcement and Beth Thorson Aldana as Director of Employee Benefits.

Marks has served as interim Director since John Hayes passed away last year. Prior to that, she served as Deputy Director.

Aldana served as Assistant City Attorney/Personnel Director for the City of Wauwatosa, where she was responsible for the City's human resources functions, including benefits, recruitment, labor negotiations and payroll.